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1. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE UK AND DUTCH HAVE IN CURRENT
SPC DEBATE SUPPORTED US POSITION THAT NO NEW NAC GUIDANCE IS
NECESSARY AT THIS TIME ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS,
WHILE FRG, BELGIUM, AND ITALY SUPPORT NEW GUIDANCE ESTABLISHING
THE COLLECTIVE NATURE OF PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS.

2. UK DELEGATION OFFICER (BAILES) TOLD US ON NOVEMBER 5
THAT FRG HAS GIVEN THE UK ITS "COMPROMISE" TEXT ON THIS ISSUE
(REFS A AND B). SHE SAID THAT THE UK COULD NOW ACCEPT THE FIRST
SENTENCE OF THIS TEXT, I.E., ESTABLISHING INTERNAL ALLIED AGREEMENT
TO REJECT INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS IN PHASE II,
IF THE US COULD ACCEPT THE SENTENCE. HOWEVER, UK STILL BELIEVES
THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD SAY NOTHING TO THE EAST ON THIS AT THE
PRESENT TIME. UK ALSO CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THE ALLIES SHOULD
TAKE NO DECISIONS AT THIS TIME ON PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION
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OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS. SHE NOTED THAT UK WOULD NOT BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FRG TEXT. SHE POINTED OUT
THAT THE UK HAD ALWAYS HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION
COMMITMENTS, AS A BACK DOOR TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS, BUT

HAD PREVIOUSLY WANTED TO DEFER THE ISSUE, EVEN WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL ALLIED AGREEMENT. UK IS NOW ABLE TO ACCEPT INTERNAL ALLIED AGREEMENT AGAINST INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE UK HAS BEEN IMPRESSED BY FRG FIRMNESS ON THE ISSUE. UK THINKS FRG MAY INSIST ON SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS A CONDITION OF OPTION III. SHE SAID FRG IS AWARE OF THIS CHANGE IN THE UK VIEWPOINT.

3. NETHERLANDS DELEGATION OFFICER (MEESMAN) TOLD US NOVEMBER 5 OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (HOYNCK). MEESMAN HAD REMINDED HOYNCK THAT ALTHOUGH THE DUTCH SUPPORT THE US ON DEFERRING THE QUESTION FOR NOW, THE DUTCH STILL FAVOR EVENTUAL ALLIED AGREEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS. ACCORDING TO MEESMAN, HOYNCK SAID THAT BONN WAS CONSIDERING TONING DOWN THE ORIGINAL

FRG LANGUAGE, AND THAT IF THE OPTION III GUIDANCE STRONGLY ASSERTED THE COLLECTIVE CHARACTER OF THE COMMON CEILING, THE ALLIES WOULD NOT HAVE TO PRESS TOO HARD ON REDUCTION COMMITMENTS. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MEESMAN WAS HOPEFUL RE HOYNCK'S REMARKS TO HIM, WE ARE SURE HOYNCK WAS REFERRING TO THE FRG "COMPROMISE" TEXT IN REFTELS.)STREATOR

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